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1. At the end of 1949 the staff of the Ljubljana PAZ (Protiv Avionska Odbrana - Anti-Aircraft Defense) suggested to the Ljubljana People's Committee that old anti-aircraft shelters be repaired and new one constructed. The board accepted the suggestion and the repair plan for 1950 was reportedly fulfilled by 50 percent. Repair work went very slowly because the shelters were in ruins and because the construction enterprises handling these repairs considered that the work was not foreseen by the Plan and therefore of second and third rate importance. Consequently, the delivery of the necessary material was delayed.
2. Under pressure from the PAZ, the town committee issued a new order at the end of 1950 charging the town sector committees with the repair of all public and private shelters by May 1, 1951, at which time Ljubljana had to be ready for any kind of air attack.
3. As a result, from the beginning of 1951 more effective and speedier work began. The "voluntary" Sunday shock-workers are repairing the old shelters and constructing new ones. The army at Ljubljana garrison loans its motorized vehicles for the transport of construction material every Sunday on instruction from the PAZ and the town sector committees.
4. Since many shelters in private and public buildings were used as depots for certain enterprises, the Ljubljana People's Committee has issued a stern order to clear out the shelters which are to be used exclusively for protection in case of air attack.
5. The following public shelters were repaired: "Pod gradom", "V Rozno dolino", "Siska", "Vic", and some minor shelters.
6. On March 5 and 6, 1951, the special commission, appointed by the PAZ and the Ljubljana Committee, checked all houses and shelters in Ljubljana. At that time the commission noted a series of disorders and negligence: 1,700 persons were fined, and 650 persons were accused of sabotage. The latter were to be tried the beginning of April 1951.

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